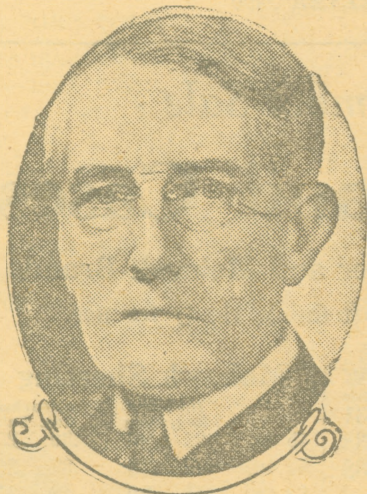


FOUNDATIONS OF OUR CIVILIZATION INVOLVED IN THE HALL-MILLS CASE

Why I Am Willing to Write My Comments on This Sad and Shocking Tragedy



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When the invitation from The GRAPHIC to write on the Hall-Mills case came to me through my friend, the Rev. Dr. Ralph Welles Keeler, pastor of the Crawford Memorial Church of New York and religious news editor of The GRAPHIC, I was given the assurance that The GRAPHIC would print my comments precisely as I wrote them, and that the paper desired to do a service for God and man by opening its columns for lessons in right living and straight thinking, in the light of this terrible tragedy, which, because of the prominence of those connected with it and the deplorable conditions that brought it forth, has centered the grieved and amazed attention of the whole world.

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Sanctity of Marriage Mainstay of Society

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In this first article I wish to point out the fact that the very foundations of our civilization—the forces which make for the stability and happiness of organized society—are all involved in this tragedy.

Our modern civilization is not "complex" as some have taught. It is complex in some of its secondary manifestations, but it is exceedingly simple in its foundations.

What are the great elemental simplicities that constitute the foundations of our modern life?

I would name them briefly as follows:—

FIRST. The virtue of womanhood—It is a truism that no stream can rise higher than its source, and it is equally true that no race can be better than its womanhood. When the Roman civilization reached the point where their great poet, Juvenal, had to describe the Roman woman as "lewd, petulant, and reeling ripe with wine," the foundations were gone, and it was but a matter of time till the Goths and Vandals came over the walls.

SECOND. The honor of manhood—Old-fashioned honor is the basis of honesty; hence it is a fundamental of organized society, because our modern commercial civ-

ilization is founded upon the principle of credit, and credit is but another name for faith in our fellow men. Now, if masculine honor and honesty are lost there is no basis for faith and, consequently, the very foundations of society become unstable, and panics, wars, and ruin are the inevitable results. Now, treason to the ideals of masculine honor in one field—namely, the field of sex relationship—means such a weakening down of those ideals in all other fields that disaster is the only possible result. A man who will violate his marriage vows, under equally severe tests would prove himself dishonorable in any other relationship of life. Hence the loss of masculine honor undermines the very foundations of all orderly, happy and successful life.

THIRD. The sanctity of the marriage vow and a healthy home life—The individual is the unit of the race, but the family is the unit of society. Anything, therefore, that strikes a blow at the sanctity of the marriage vow and a loyal, clean and wholesome home life is undermining the

Virtue of Womanhood Is Strength of Nation

very foundations upon which our country rests.

FOURTH. The virility of revealed religion as the creator and conservator of the foregoing ideals—The very greatest of our American foundation stones is a free church in a free state, for the best thought of the world's greatest statesmen has accepted the proposition that religion alone is the only real foundation of morality, and without morality no state can survive.

FIFTH. The integrity of the Sabbath day, which makes possible the existence of the church, and through habits of worship enables the people to learn the truths of God, and thus to establish in their hearts the foregoing glorious ideals.

SIXTH. The proper rearing of children, for each rising generation constitutes the future state.

SEVENTH. Obedience to law

—the laws of God and also the laws of man, which are but a reflection of the Divine laws when a state is just and righteous. The laws of a country are the life of a country, and no man really loves his country who does not respect and reverence her laws.

These are the great fundamental simplicities that underlie our Anglo-Saxon civilization. They are rather homely things, and they sound very trite and commonplace, and yet, at last, they are the real essentials of a clean, happy and prosperous society. If these homely simplicities of life are allowed to fall into decay, then it makes no difference how much wealth or material splendor we may possess. Society will inevitably decline, and the nation itself fall into final wreck and ruin, as have all the great nations of the past who departed from the path of righteousness.

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Pig Woman Names Henry Stevens

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crowd which assembled, snickering at the puns toward Mrs. Hall and the other defendants.

Long before the case was scheduled to get under way Mrs. Henry Stevens arrived and made her way around to the entrance of the jail in the rear.

"I have come to wish my husband and Willie Stevens the best of luck," she said, posing for the camera men. Besides, I must select an appropriate cravat for Henry. He is so careless about such things. Seriously, they are going to be acquitted. We are all confident."

"Good To Be Alive"

Half an hour later an auto drove up to the court house and came to a stop. Mrs. Hall stepped out. With her was a cousin, Edwin Carpenter, Mrs. Carpenter and Naval Commander Arthur Carpenter.

"It is a beautiful day. It seems good to be alive."

That was the greeting the clergyman's widow gave newspaper men who crowded about her. She seemed the personification of confidence, as she made her way

through the crowd and into the courtroom.

Removing her coat, Mrs. Hall displayed a dark gray whipcord suit. She sank easily into a chair reserved for the defendants and in a few minutes was joined by her brothers, brought in through a rear door from the jail.

Henry Stevens wore a dark gray suit. A flashy blue and gray tie bore evidence of his wife's visit to his cell. Willie Stevens was attired in the same blue serge he was wearing at the time of his arrest. Mrs. Hall, sitting on Willie's right, patted his arm and whispered words of assurance into his ear.

"Pig Woman" Brings Child

Following closely on the appearance of the defendants came Mrs. Jane Gibson, the "pig woman," and believed to be the principal witness for the state. With her was the 4-year-old mystery child, Joan Easton, who Mrs. Gibson claims is her daughter.

Dowdy and unkempt in a faded black broadcloth coat, Mrs. Gibson hugged the child as the crowd closed about her. She snarled incoherently at the camera men, whose machines began clicking.

Inspector John J. Underwood and Capt. Harry Walsh came in. Soon after the Rev. J. Merwin

Pettit, successor of Dr. Hall at the New Brunswick Church of St. John the Evangelist, arrived.

"We had an inspiring prayer meeting lasting nearly an hour at the Hall home last night," he said. "All the Stevens family was there. We asked God that these four defendants be vindicated in the eyes of the community."

Charlotte Mills Gay

Charlotte Mills, daughter of Mrs. Eleanor R. Mills, was the next prominent figure to reach the court. Gay and laughing, she wore a gaudy pink-trimmed dress, a mouse colored coat and a small cloche hat.

In the army of reporters Park Benjamin, New York society man, bobbed up. He bore credentials from a Boston daily.

James Mills then entered with Mrs. Elsie Barnhardt, sister of his slain wife. He withheld all comment. So did Senator Simpson, who created a bit of sartorial sensation with a malacca cane swinging from his yellow gloved hand.

Then followed the defense counsel, a dozen strong with Senator Case at the head.

"Oyez, Oyez," droned John Bunn, lanky court crier, as soon as Justice Parker ascended the bench and the long awaited trial was under way.

Voorhis Shies at Machine, But It Gets His 76th Vote

John R. Voorhis, president of the Board of Elections and Grand Sachem of Tammany Hall, cast his vote for the seventy-sixth consecutive year yesterday.

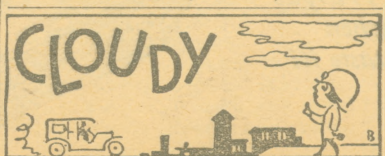
On emerging from the booth of the Fifth Election District of the Third Assembly District, 765 Washington St., he denounced voting machines declaring he wasn't even quite sure how his vote was recorded. This is what he said:—

"I do not see anything to like about it. I simply followed instruc-

tions. I do not know how my vote was recorded and I never will know. I have been opposed to the expenditure of money for these machines and I am still opposed to them. I believe we have all the machinery necessary without incurring additional expense."

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U. S. WEATHER FORECAST

LOCAL—Increasing cloudiness and warmer today, with rain tonight; diminishing northwest winds, becoming southerly. EASTERN NEW YORK—Increasing cloudiness, with slow rise in temperature, followed by rain tonight; diminishing north and northwest winds, becoming southerly.

NATIVE REBELS DEFEAT WHITES WITH SPEARS

MELBOURNE, AUSTRALIA, Nov. 3 (By U. P.)—Approximately 1,000 natives armed with spears today turned back the white punitive expedition which was organized in the New Guinea gold fields after a native rebellion resulted in deaths of three white persons.

72, GETS THIRD TEETH

DARLINGTON, WIS.—Mrs. Edward Webster, 72, is getting her third set of teeth.